PRODUCT REVIEW

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Respirator offers dust and mist protection
A dust and mist particulate respirator from 3M is designed for workers with smaller facial features. The 3M brand No. 8110 dust and mist respirator has a smaller shell size that is 20 percent smaller than the standard 3M brand No. 8710 respirator. The respirator features a lightweight filtering face piece that should increase potential wear time. A padded nose foam strip and an adjustable metal nose clip offer both comfort and a secure fit, according to 3M. The respirator was designed with a low profile so it would be compatible with eye and hearing protection. The respirator is NIOSH/MSHA approved for dusts and mists. It offers protection to mists and particulate substances that do not produce harmful vapors. It is not intended to be used for protection against paint spray, welding fumes, gases, vapors, asbestos or sandblasting.

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Wide-brimmed hats give greater sun protection
The American Horticultural Society is promoting Headhunter's Ultimate Lifeguard Hat for sun protection. The hat features a five-inch brim that provides ample shade for the head, face, ears, nose and neck, according to Headhunter. The tightly woven palm weave does not allow UV rays to penetrate to the wearer's skin. An interior sweatband was added to provide a snug fit, and six ventilation holes help cool the wearer's head. A portion of all sales benefit the American Horticultural Society and the Skin Cancer Foundation.

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Four micronutrients in one handy product
A new line of turf and ornamental micronutrient fertilizers under the Turfgo label are called "FEature" and "Double FEature." They are a unique combination of fully-chelated elements, according to United Horticultural Supply. Both products contain 12 percent nitrogen, six percent iron, five percent sulfur and one-half percent magnesium. FEature has two percent manganese and Double FEature has one percent manganese and one percent zinc. Double FEature is formulated specifically for soils deficient in zinc, particularly those west of the Mississippi River.

The products, the result of almost 20 years research and development of micronutrients, help supply turf and ornamentals with liquid magnesium. "Magnesium is the central ion in the chlorophyll molecule and is essential in the synthesis of chlorophyll, which gives turf and ornamentals their dark green color," says Neal Howell, who developed the products for UHS.

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**Product Review**

**Tackifying agent meets environmental standards**

RMBplus tackifier replaces asphalt emulsions as an environmentally safe, easy-to-apply fixative and bonding agent for holding seed and mulch in place.

The product is blended to comply with state and federal EPA, SCS, DEP and DOT agency standards. It is an effective, low-cost solution when used with hay, straw, paper and wood fiber during hydraulic seeding and power mulching. After use, a simple water cleanup is all that is needed.

RMBplus contains a polymer that prevents breakdown or softening during rain and is an effective soil stabilizer, growth stimulator, soil moisture retaining agent and fiber mulch lubricant. It does not encourage mold or bacteria growth.

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**Software package designed exclusively for golf courses**

GCS for Windows, by Incircuit Development Corp., is the only true Microsoft Windows software package specifically for golf course applications.

The system combines several management functions, including chemical and fertilizer data, personnel data and financial information. Other features include:

- inventory/preventive maintenance;
- calendar; math; vegetation library;
- references and work orders.

Sections are easy to use and understand. Data can be automatically shared to minimize data entry.

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**Three low-voltage lights are safe and effective**

Malibu offers three new low-voltage light fixtures for outdoor use: a low-profile well light, a low-profile tier light and a low-profile flare light.

The well light features a shade that conceals the light source while creating highlights and shadows on the undersides of leaves and branches. The shade can be removed in order to disperse light over a broader area.

The light is also smaller than typical well lights, allowing it to be used in locations where large well lights would be impractical, according to the company.

The tier light features a contemporary design and a four-inch diameter shade that directs light downward. Illumination is projected to the base of the fixture and eliminates the possibility of glare striking the user's eyes.

The low-profile flare light was designed to accent gardens, driveways, sidewalks and decks. It features a wide shade and base, plus a translucent, flared lens.

All three components are constructed of a weather-resistant, high-impact, non-corrosive polymer. They are installed with seven-watt bulbs and use Intermatic's Fast Lock II cable connector.

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**Rear discharge mower designed for safety and side-discharge benefits**

Land Pride has attempted to combine the benefits of a side-discharge mower with the safety of rear-discharge in their new 15 Series rear discharge grooming mower.

The mowers come in 48-, 60- and 72-inch widths and provide a cut comparable to a walk behind mower, the company says. The mowers also feature clevis point hitch points for easy hookup. A three-point feature and four-gauge wheel design were added to allow the mower to hug contours.

The rear discharge feature allows for safer mowing, Land Pride says. Clippings and debris are thrown close behind the mower, avoiding streets, sidewalks and landscaping.

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**Rain gauge combines accuracy and simplicity**

A compact electric rain gauge from Innoquest provides accurate indoor readings to 0.01-inch resolution.

The gauge provides a record of each rainfall as well as a cumulative total on a battery-operated display. Memory can be reset with the touch of a button without having to empty the unit. The collector was designed to be rugged enough to withstand the elements year round.

The rain gauge was designed to provide the accuracy that professionals require while still allowing simple installation.

Model DRG-6VB comes complete with mounting hardware and 40 feet of connecting wire.

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Safety glasses look sporty, offer UV, debris protection

Elves UniWraps are designed to look and feel like sports glasses, but have the features of an ANSI-tested safety glass.

The polycarbonate lens is molded to a base six curve and curves around the face to give coverage of both front and sides. UV-absorbing lenses make these glasses suitable for outdoor applications.

The UniWraps glasses come in a variety of hot frame colors and are available with clear, gray and flash mirror lenses.

Circle No. 206 on Reader Inquiry Card

Digital plan measure has many new features

Calculated Industries, Inc., has a new, more powerful version of its Scale Master multi-scale, digital plan measure.

The Scale Master II was designed to simplify take-offs from architectural and engineering drawings. Its new features include 50 Imperial and 41 metric scales, custom scaling so users can define their own scale and an auto-count value that enables users to know how many times a specific distance has been rolled.

A constant key allows users to add or subtract a constant value to the distance measured. With an optional PC interface, data can be entered directly into spreadsheets and estimating programs.

This model also features a larger LCD with easier-to-read digits than past models. Additional features include 40 percent more choices in available units, a memory function, the ability to display larger values and a dedicated metric mode switch.

Circle No. 208 on Reader Inquiry Card

IGR shown to work on variety of ornamentals

Citation, Ciba Turf & Ornamental Products' insect growth regulator, has been shown in tests to effectively control shore flies and fungus gnats on a wide variety of ornamentals, according to the company.

Citation's recently expanded label now permits growers to control Dipterous leafminers and fungus gnats in landscape ornamentals; container-grown ornamentals; greenhouse- and shade-house-grown ornamental bedding plants; and ornamental crops and interiorscapes.

The product may also be used to control shore flies on greenhouse-grown ornamental crops and interiorscapes.

The old label only included control recommendations for leafminers on container-grown chrysanthemums in greenhouses.

Circle No. 209 on Reader Service Card

Buildings have fire rating, safety

FireShield two-hour fire-rated buildings from Safety Storage, Inc., are available for the storage and dispensing of chemicals and hazardous materials.

The prefabricated, relocatable FS Series includes eight different models in sizes ranging from 44 to 400 square feet of floor space, with storage capacities of up to one hundred 55-gallon drums or 200,000 lbs. of bulk materials.

Standard features include welded, unitized construction, up to 1,675 gallon spill containment sump, removable steel floor grating and chemical resistant coating inside and out. Air inlet vents are equipped with 1 1/2-hour UL-classified fire dampers.

A full range of options is available including heating and air conditioning, exhaust ventilation, stainless steel interior lining, interior and exterior lighting, dry chemical fire suppression system, interior walls and shelving.

Circle No. 207 on Reader Inquiry Card

New generation of creeping bent is now available

Tee-2-Green Corp. will release in 1995 a new generation of creeping bentgrasses developed by Dr. Joseph M. Duich, formerly of Penn State University.

Unlike Tee-2-Green's earlier bentgrass releases (Penncross, Pennlinks, etc.) the six new cultivars will all bear letter/number codes. They have been developed exclusively for use on golf course greens.

The varieties are A-1, A-2, A-4, G-1, G-2, and G-6; and they are typically lower growing and must be maintained at a cutting height of 1/8-inch or less.

These new varieties are dense and fine-leaved, with an upright growth habit to meet the demands of quality and image-conscious superintendents.

This new generation of creeping bents—from parental clones collected in the Southeastern U.S., have low fungicide and nitrogen requirements. Their fine, dense putting surfaces strangle Poa annua before it has a chance to take hold, says Tee-2-Green.

Circle No. 210 on Reader Inquiry Card
New rider is powerful, stable

The Toro Company's Groundsmaster 3000 riding mower combines a 33-horsepower gas or diesel engine, designed to run noticeably quieter than previous engines, with greater hillside stability and easily-connected attachments.

The rotary mower is economical, stable and durable enough to handle numerous mowing needs, according to Toro. It features a larger wheelbase, lower center of gravity and larger tires.

The Guardian 84-inch Recycler mulching deck, also from Toro, is now available for the Groundsmaster 3000. It comes with an hydraulic counterbalance, soft-ride castor wheels and a deck design adjustable to extreme turf contours.

Three versions of the mower will be offered by spring of 1996.

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Model DRG-6VB comes complete with mounting hardware and 40 feet of connecting wire.

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